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SUBJECT: IV GRANTS FOR LABOR LEADERS

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1. THE FY 1976 PROPOSED LEADER GRANT LIST FOR TUNIS HAS ALREADY BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR GOT APPROVAL. THIS LIST, WHICH CONTAINS PRINCIPALS AND ALTERNATES FOR ALL OF OUR EXPECTED GRANTS FOR THE COMING FISCAL YEAR, DOES NOT INCLUDE HABIB ACHOUR AND WE THEREFORE CANNOT COMMIT A GRANT TO FUND HIS TRAVEL TO THE U.S. TO ATTEND THE AFL/CIO BIENNIAL CONVENTION IN SAN FRANCISCO. THIS FY 1976 PROPOSED LEADER GRANT LIST DOES CONTAIN A GENERAL CATEGORY FOR LABOR UNDER WHICH ONE OF THE ALTERNATES IS A MEMBER OF THE UGTT EXCEUCTIVE BOARD.

2. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, HABIB ACHOUR WAS INVITED TO THE LAST AFL/CIO CONVENTION BUT HE DID NOT ATTEND. INSTEAD, HE DESIGNATED ONE OF HIS AIDES TO GO IN HIS PLACE. IF HE WERE TO BE INVITED FOR THIS YEAR HE COULD WELL DO LIKEWISE.

3. WE REGRET THAT WE DID NOT KNOW IN ADVANCE OF THE DEPT'S INTENTION TO FUND TRAVEL TOTHE AFL/CIO CONVENTION OUT OF POST ALLOTMENTS OF IV GRANTS. WE HOPE THAT IF HABIB ACHOUR IS INVITED THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE ABLE TO FUND A GRANT SO THAT HE OR HIS DESIGNEE MAY ATTEND.

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